

Corporation for NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE



**AN AMERICORPS VISTA
member may be available to your organization for
a full year at the low cost of \$2100.**

Utah Commission on Volunteers (COV), and The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

are sponsoring a tremendous opportunity through **The Utah Citizen Corps *VISTA Project** to enhance the efforts of community preparedness. This project has **20** VISTA members for placement around the state which can assist with community preparedness in each County/City/Area. VISTA members can help build local *Citizen Corps Councils*, work with *Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC)* and establish *Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)*. The VISTA member can help with crime prevention programs, such as *Neighborhood Watch* and *Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)*, disaster preparedness, planning, training and exercises in local schools and communities; build resources of trained volunteers to conduct disaster preparedness presentations; participate with and in Volunteer Centers to increase preparedness volunteerism efforts, and distribute printed information. They can assist the local emergency management community to develop plans and procedures for *resource, donations* and *volunteer management*. VISTA members can work with Regional Public Health Departments supporting mass vaccination capability and the establishment of the Medical Reserve Corps, as well as the National Weather Service in implementing the NWS “*Storm Ready*” program in their towns, cities and counties.

The Utah Citizen Corps VISTA Project can build partnerships between community organizations such as the Citizen Corps Pillar programs; Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Medical Reserve Corp, (MRC), Fire Corps and other community emergency preparedness efforts to help make our counties and communities safer, stronger and more secure.

WHAT IS “VISTA”? VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA!

A forty-year old program of national volunteer service, created at the same time as the Peace Corps.

- **VISTA** is not a “job”, it is not “employment” it is a Presidential call to National Service !
- **VISTA** is a full-time, twelve-month, 24/7 commitment without regard to regular business hours.
- **VISTA** is like being in the Peace Corps, but right here in Utah instead of a foreign country.
- **VISTA** volunteers cannot have outside employment or enroll in educational programs.
- **VISTA** volunteers receive a bi-weekly living allowance (about \$800 per month, basic health insurance and an educational award or stipend at end-of-service pd by the CNCS.)

For more information about, or to receive a project plan/application for the

Utah Citizen Corps VISTA Project vista placement

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